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Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2003 8:08 AM
To: Pete Soderberg
Cc: Ramirez, Rick; Hoffman-Floerke, Dale; Upholt, James; Stein, Russell
Subject: RE: PDEA List Shuffle

Hi Pete;

I have reviewed your attached Email-Memo, regarding your and the JPA's request to move Resource Actions between the sub-lists prepared to guide the focus of PDEA Analysis. Thank you for taking the time to address this Recreation and Socioeconomic Work Group Action Item. Your Memo addresses five specific RAs:

1. LF-4, Tribal Cultural Center
2. LF-6, DWR [new] Visitor Information Center
3. LF-9, Hwy 70 Gateway to LOSRA
4. WA-1, Re-establish Boat Launch Ramp at the Afterbay
5. OR-17, Lime Saddle Maintenance Yard

Toward DWR's goal of finalizing the organization of the RSWG Resource Actions into the four sub-lists ("A-List," "B-List," "Settlement Issues," and "Trails Issues"), I have addressed your suggestions as follows:

1. As you have recommended, I have added the Cultural Resources WG's tracking information to the RSWG Tracker. The CRWG has recommended this RA be analyzed in the PDEA; in fact, there are three separate CRWG RA's that address new cultural interpretive and curatorial facilities.
2. As you note, some discussion has begun regarding the desirability of various potential visitor-information facilities expected to succeed or supplement the Lake Oroville Visitors Center. As we await the Needs Analysis and the more detailed proposal(s) that you suggest, I'm inclined to move this item from the "B-List" to the "Settlement Issues" list. As you are aware, some Resource Actions will likely emerge from the Settlement negotiations and necessarily receive detailed environmental analysis in the subsequent/final Environmental Assessment.
3. LF-9, LF-7, and LF-6 are among RAs of this type, thus I propose the same action as discussed in #2, above.
4. The "Justification W" cited for placement of this RA on the "B-List" refers to the fact that this project has already been scheduled for funding and construction by the Department of Boating and Waterways. DWR has committed to paving the entrance road to connect the DBW project to Larkin Road. Construction is expected in 2004, supported by independent environmental documentation, therefore PDEA analysis is not necessary.
5. We have discussed this issue with the Department of Parks and Recreation and have agreed that supplemental maintenance facilities should be included in the RA description of any major facility expansion (e.g., new campground loop) in the Lime Saddle area. Accordingly, the general elements of OR-17 will be included in RAs OR-18 through OR-22, and OR-25. All of the latter are already on the "A-List."

I hope I have satisfactorily addressed your concerns and that you can report favorably to the JPA on the outcome of RSWG efforts to manage environmental review of our large list of Resource Actions. As always, please call me if you wish to discuss any of these issues; otherwise, I will report as stated above to the RSWG at the next meeting, December 18 (which, at this point, I expect to be a 6:30 PM teleconference -- official notification pending later this week).

Thanks again for your review and comments,
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